

# "Hello!" *From Haiti*

This month's newsletter has quite a bit to offer! In addition to our featured donation program, you will also see a few stories from patients, employees, volunteers, and lots of photos. We hope you enjoy it. Have a blessed holiday season from all of us at RHFH!

## T'is the Season for Giving

It's that time of year when many generous hearts are looking for unique opportunities to share their wealth with those in need. Perhaps you would like to make a tax-deductible donation that has real meaning and makes a difference? Wouldn't it be exciting to know that your hard-earned money is truly helping others who are less fortunate? Well, here's a great way to do just that!

RHFH has set up five different giving options in various amounts. Take a look below at the ways your dollars can help here in Haiti. Giving is easy and results are profound!

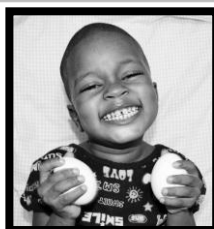
Wanting to make a donation in honor of someone? Maybe you have a difficult-to-shop-for person on your Christmas list? Here is a great solution for you!

**If you give a gift from one of the options, you will receive a certificate of recognition.** What a great stocking-stuffer it would make! You can write in the name of the person you are honoring. The certificate can be printed out immediately if you donate online. If you mail in your donation, the certificate can be emailed to you or mailed through the postal service.

**What to do:** Detach the "Holiday Givings" coupon on the back of this newsletter. Choose your gift and circle your selection. Mail it with your check made out to RHFH. **Or** you can go online to our website and select your gift. ([http://www.realhopeforhaiti.org/?page\\_id=9150](http://www.realhopeforhaiti.org/?page_id=9150))

You'll be given the link to donate through PayPal and then directed to your certificate. It's quick and easy!

We invite you to listen to your heart, and give accordingly as you feel led. Your generosity will have a direct impact on the people of Cazale, and you will surely be blessed. Thank you for helping us to meet these needs. Together, we are the hands and feet of Jesus!



## Giving Options

### **\$10 – 6 Dozen Eggs**

Rich in protein that little healing bodies need, the kids love scrambled eggs for breakfast. This is enough for every child in the RC to have an egg for breakfast.

### **\$35 – A Case of Chicken**

Meat is a great source of protein, and is a luxury item that many children in the RC previously haven't had. Their bodies need it and their taste buds love it!

### **\$120 – Food for a Family for a Year**

Twice a month, a family will be able to come to RHFH to receive a basic supply of food and necessities through our Food Box Program.

### **\$250 – Wages for a Nurse for a Month**

Every day a nurse is on duty to tend to bandage changes and emergency care (in addition to seeing patients on regular Clinic days). Whether it's stitching up a cut or getting an IV started, these nurses are vital to the health and wellbeing of the people. By earning a good wage, our nurses can provide for the needs of their own families and be able to focus on their important work in the clinic.

### **\$500 or more – Keep RHFH Operating**

It takes tremendous financial support to keep everything running at RHFH. Fuel for the generator, repairs to the vehicles and equipment, even toilet paper.... It all adds up.

**Give Online at:**

[http://www.realhopeforhaiti.org/?page\\_id=9150](http://www.realhopeforhaiti.org/?page_id=9150)



**Lori and Licia at Work**

## Words from Gretchen

*"Neither go back in fear and misgiving to the past, nor in anxiety and forecasting to the future; but lie quiet under His hand, having no will but His."*

-H. E. Manning



## Featured Staff Story: Moliere

Moliere lay in bed, too weak to sit up and too depressed to care. He had been sick for over three years and he didn't know what else to do. His wife and five children had always looked to him to survive. A dedicated and energetic worker, he had always been able to find small construction jobs around the village. It wasn't much income, but it was enough to keep food on the table most days. They lived in one room of his parents' home; his family had picked up the slack as his health deteriorated. He was grateful, but longed to be the head of his household.

Though he had been to the clinic occasionally, he never had the money and strength to walk down for regular appointments. Clinic staff heard of his situation and we decided to help him. We sent medications when he was unable to come, gave him supplemental food on the food box program, money to care for household needs, and free medical care for his family. As he took vitamins and had a better diet, he regained his health.

After about two months of treatment, he asked if RHFH could put two of his children in school. He didn't want to ask for help for them all because he knew that he needed to do his part too. Maguerline and Fadia soon had sponsors and the family was overjoyed. After a few more months, Moliere was able to carry his own food box home. He looked for work and found a few random construction jobs, but nothing steady. Knowing his willing heart and eagerness to provide for his family, we hired him to work for RHFH in May 2010. He filters and bottles drinking water, charges phones, is the gate watchman, helps carry boxes and supplies, sorts and files clinic charts, and provides security for the clinic yard. Because of his regular income, he asked us to take him off of the food box program and give it to someone that had more need. Just this year, he has been able to build a two-room house.



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### **WE'RE GETTING A NEW LOOK!**

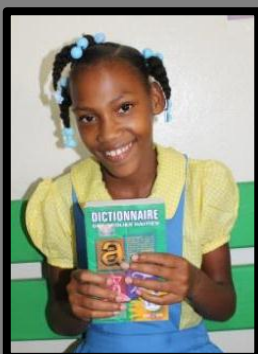
Soon RHFH will have a fresh, new look. Right now, the RHFH logo and website are being redesigned. We are excited to see how they turn out, and sure hope you enjoy the changes. **Also, if you wish to be added to our email newsletter list, Simply email your name with a subject title of "Newsletter" to [lesley@realhopeforhaiti.org](mailto:lesley@realhopeforhaiti.org) and you'll be added to the email list.**

Moliere says that he can be having a bad day or be worried, but as soon as he gets to work his heart turns happy because he knows this job is helping him take care of him, his family, and others. "There is no place for discouragement when I have a job that is helping to give life." One day, two people that came to the clinic told Moliere that they were robbed on the way to the clinic. One of the people was very ill and needed medications. They couldn't pay and had no way to get home. Moliere had just gotten paid and had some money in his pocket. He paid for transport, food, and clinic visit, not expecting anything in return. When they came back for their return appointment, they brought him a huge sack of cookies.

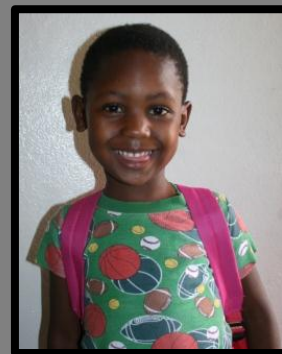
"God is the One that sent this mission to Cazale. If they had not have come, many people would have died, including me. I am so thankful for everyone that gives money and supplies. Keep giving. Do more. Don't be discouraged. This is good for many people."

Moliere can tell a beautiful story and encouraging testimony. His situation has come full circle. He was once bed-ridden and ill, but is now able to help the sick that come to clinic. Unable to buy food for his family, he can now occasionally help others. He used to search within his own power for strength and now he fully depends on God and gives Him all the glory. It is satisfying to know that help during a critical time has led to sustainability for the future of this family of seven.

## School Sponsorship Program



We continue to help with the need of school cost for the students here in Haiti. We currently have around 180 on the sponsorship program. Many families find it difficult to afford the cost of purchasing supplies and paying the yearly fees for their children to go to school each year. RHFH helps with this need by matching sponsors with students for the school year. We send updates and pictures throughout the school year to the sponsors so they can keep up to date with their sponsored child. The cost for this program is \$250.00 per student per school year. If you would like more information on how to sponsor a child, please email us at [licia@realhopeforhaiti.org](mailto:licia@realhopeforhaiti.org).





# A Job Worth Doing is Worth Doing Together

The problems of malnutrition and poverty cannot possibly be solved by one organization or one method. It takes many people working together and trying new techniques in order to see change. We are grateful to be working with so many wonderful organizations throughout the world to help Haitians and we wanted to tell you about one.

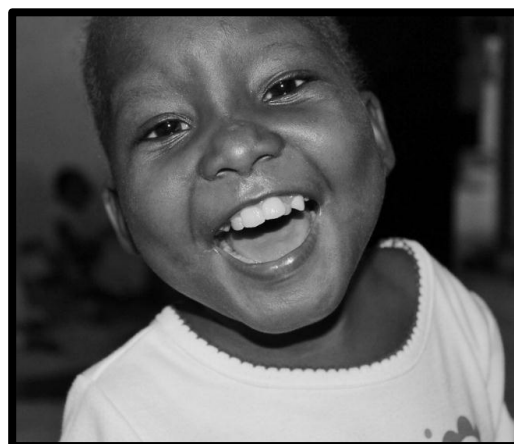


**Meds and Food for Kids** is an organization that has been working in northern Haiti since 2003. They are "dedicated to saving the lives of Haiti's malnourished children and other nutritionally vulnerable people. We accomplish our mission by developing, producing, and distributing highly nutritious foods, including the gold-standard Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF). We make our food products in Haiti, using Haitian workers and, whenever possible, Haitian raw materials." Their method is providing jobs, improving agriculture, and saving the lives of numerous malnourished children across Haiti.

We are able to feed this highly enriched peanut butter to ill children at the rescue center every day and see it work wonders in their bodies. They gain health and strength on a prescribed amount of the RUTF based on their weight. We are very grateful for this product and the work that **Meds and Food For Kids** are doing throughout Haiti. If you would like to know more about their work, check out their website - [www.mfkhaiti.org](http://www.mfkhaiti.org).

## Featured Patient Story: Dieuphina

Dieuphina first came to the clinic when she was 15 months old. Her mama brought her to be seen and get some care for her, weighing 10 pounds at that time. She followed in the clinic for about a year on and off. In that time, she only gained 2 pounds. Her mom decided to leave her with us for extended care in the rescue center. When she first stayed with us, she was 2 ½ years old and weighed 12 pounds when admitted. She stayed for four months and gained 6 pounds. She then returned home with her family. We saw her off and on again for the next five years. She stayed with us again for extended care during that time. In January of 2010, she and one of her sisters contracted cholera. She was very ill and spent several days at the RHFH cholera treatment center. Once she was released from there, she was readmitted to the rescue center for care. Dieuphina stayed with us just two months and gained five pounds. A few weeks ago, she came to the clinic for a visit. She had lost weight over the past several months and had a severe form of malnutrition called kwashiorkor. When admitted she was 10 years old and weighed 22 pounds at her lowest weight. She told us that she had not eaten meat since she was with us last time for a stay. Her mother died last year of cholera as well. This left the father with many children to raise on his own. He is doing his best to work in the gardens and make ends meet somehow for all his kids. Some days they are able to find food to eat and sometimes they go for a day without eating. Dieuphina had a difficult time recovering from her malnutrition this time. Her body is worn out and just cannot keep repairing itself over and over again. There were several days that she was so tired and weak that she could not get out of bed. She asked for meat so we gave her lots of fish and chicken to eat. Slowly she began to heal and recover. She has been here now for four months and is doing great. She is currently 36 pounds and fully recovered. To God be all the Glory!



(Left) Dieuphina was frail and in great pain when she arrived in August 2012. It didn't take long for her to smile again. (Above) Now, in November, she is happy and on her way to being healthy during her stay at the Rescue Center.

## Miracles

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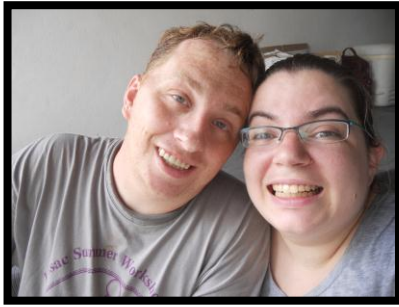


## Cholera Treatment Center Construction Update



Walls are going up at the new land for the CTC. Perimeter walls are currently being built, as well as beams put in. We're making progress!

## Volunteers' Voice



***"We are Andy and Sarah Wright, and we gave our hearts to RHFH!"***

It is hard to believe that it was only a little over three years ago that we first heard of RHFH and began planning our first trip to Haiti. We have been part of a small short-term volunteer team in the summer of 2010 and 2011. Those visits instilled a love of Haiti and created/developed friendships with Lori, Licia, RHFH staff, and fellow volunteers. This past summer we were the only two that could make the trip. As we have before each visit, we wondered what we could offer... neither of us have any real medical training and we're not the least bit handy, but we trusted God's call and made the trip.

This time Licia asked us to paint the common room at the volunteer house that is more importantly used as a classroom for the Betor boys and Brianna. We set up, painted, and reorganized with others in a day and a half. Next, we were asked to bake cakes as treats to be passed out during a gathering of all the school sponsorship children.

Licia had no idea that cooking for the masses is sort of something we are known for at home. (Thanks God!) Together with another volunteer we worked through the glitches of limited supplies and the concept that Haitians prefer a dense, heavy cake.

On the big day, we watched as each child drew a picture for their sponsor, turned in the previous year's report card, and had a picture taken. We got to give them their treats and send them home. It was thrilling to see the children that we all read about here and on the blog. (They're real!) We filled in the rest of our time organizing things and counting pills with the staff.

The only fear we had about traveling to Haiti was falling in love with children and leaving them. Sort of unknowingly, we had guarded our hearts while we played, hugged, and held precious little ones. This year a very special boy broke through the wall. His name is Paul. He was so neglected and needed to know love. God allowed me to see growth in the short week we were there. We stopped to say goodbye as we left for the airport and this angel reached out for us. We squeezed him tight, cried some tears, and went home. Thanks to Allison and Lesley, we know that he's thriving and growing. We have complete peace praying from the US for him and his future.

We came home with the realization that we did every task while getting to know others. We were able to share pieces of our hearts with each paintbrush stroke, ingredient incorporated, treat passed, pill counted, hymn hummed. Again, we were forever changed and somehow our heart lives in small town USA and little village Haiti.

## Introducing RHFH's New Homeschool Teachers

The school year is going well for the missionary kids here at RHFH. The Betor boys (Carmelo, Henley, and Trey) and Brianna (Brennon and Allison's daughter) are working hard and making great progress in their studies, thanks to the two wonderful teachers that we are blessed with this year. With the addition of Brianna to the classroom and Carmelo's rigorous high school curriculum, it was decided that it would be best to have two teachers in order to meet the educational needs of the kids. We couldn't be more pleased with the results!

Meredith – "I recently graduated from Arkansas State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I had visited Haiti four times prior to joining Real Hope, and had been praying for years for an opportunity to serve the Lord more long-term in a third-world context. This teaching position proved to be the perfect convergence of my desires to teach and to serve in ministry. I have loved every moment of school with our four students and of my time loving on the babies downstairs in the ICU. I'm looking forward to six more great months in Cazale."

Kristen – "I'm from Redfield, Arkansas. Last spring, I finished my sophomore year of college but really felt God leading me to put school on hold for a while and pursue mission work. In September, I found out that RHFH was in need of a second teacher. I decided to apply, and the details worked out perfectly, giving me confidence that this was the opportunity I had been praying for. My favorite part of this experience so far has been spending time with the kids."



## Holiday Givings

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**Mail my certificate to me at this address:**

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